

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006***

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. Selectmen present were: Janet Smith and Wes Moore. James McIlroy joined the meeting in progress.

Others present were: Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, Marcia Moody, and Doreen Howard.

By a majority vote, it was decided to have Nancy take minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting tonight instead of keeping the Town Clerk's Office open during Sue McKinnon's absence.

Janet viewed the fence on the Silverstein property earlier today and shared her cell phone photographs of the fence with the other Selectmen.

The third and final reading of the Dog Ordinance was held. The Chief will give a copy of the revised Ordinance to Nancy for the Town records.

The winter parking ban will go into effect on November 15<sup>th</sup>. A notice to the public will be published in the local newspaper, a reminder will be posted on the sign in front of the Town Hall, and the Chief will ask the library to include this information in their next newsletter.

Lt. Gould spoke about the Venturing Club. Janet spoke with Craig McPherson, the Venturing Representative, and he stated that the Town cannot sponsor the club - it must be a church or other non-public organization. The Police Department can form a non-profit organization to run the Venture Club. The Selectmen agreed that if an association is formed for the Venture Club that the Town will back it.

With regard to the Employee Handbook, the Chief reviewed approximately half of his concerns with the Selectmen. Wes suggested that Janet work with the Chief on a draft copy including the changes as of tonight. The draft could then be forwarded to Wes and James for review before the next meeting. The Chief agreed to attend another meeting to go over the balance of his concerns with the handbook.

Officer Stephen McAulay came into the meeting to introduce himself to the Selectmen as the new full-time police officer replacing Brett Wells.

Marcia Moody (State Representative) and Doreen Howard (running for election) came to the Selectmen's Meeting to introduce themselves. They asked if the Selectmen had any particular concerns. They spoke briefly about eminent domain and education funding. It was mentioned that a vote to ban smoking in restaurants will take place in the next session.

Comcast sent a letter to the Town advising that their new bills will be easier to read and that there is no change in price.

Wes received a call that a pine tree next to the Town Hall is rotted on one side. He spoke with Allen Taylor who received a quote of \$300. to cut down a pine tree at the parsonage. To have the cut tree removed, there is an additional charge of \$200. Wes suggested that the one tree be taken down and include a warrant article to survey the Town Hall land to determine who actually owns the trees. Janet and James will look at the tree in question and discuss again at next week's meeting.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. Janet abstained from voting as she did not attend that meeting.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2006 meeting as amended. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. James abstained from voting as he did not attend that meeting.

Checks were signed.

The Hackett application for Current Use was rejected as it was incomplete.

A Town Hall Rental Agreement was approved and signed by the Selectmen.

A Building Permit Application was reviewed.

The draft letter to the owner of a potential junk yard was not approved or signed. Janet will work on re-writing the letter to the property owners.

The Town's insurance carrier has liability insurance available to individuals or groups renting the Town Hall that cannot obtain their own coverage. The rate being offered is currently below that of many local insurance agents. Liability insurance is required for anyone renting the Town Hall.

Lane Law Office sent some of the Title Insurance Policies on the Greenway to the Town. We are waiting to receive one more Title Insurance Policy on the Greenway and Attorney Lane is working on obtaining it.

A Welfare issue was discussed.

A Current Use Change Tax was not signed as the Selectmen have some questions regarding the application. They will speak with Sue McKinnon next week for further information on the form.

An application Property Tax Credit/Exemption was denied for lack of backup documents required. Not enough information was provided in order for the Selectmen to make a decision. If the required information is received at a later date, the application will be reviewed again.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation was sent a letter along with a copy of the invoice for the repairs to Railroad Avenue. We should receive a check from them in the amount of \$16,000. for their portion of the necessary repairs.

We made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25pm. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer